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### **YEAR 2000 LICENSES WILL BE VALID THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2001**

In an effort to streamline our licensing operation and make the process easier for all involved, DMF is in the process of upgrading its system and consolidating licenses. For this reason, renewals will not be mailed out until after January 1, 2001, and we do expect a delay in processing 2001 licenses. **DMF's Director, Paul Diodati, has extended the expiration date on all 2000 licenses to February 28, 2001.** This information has been relayed to all DMF employees as well as the Massachusetts Environmental Police.

Once you receive your renewal, please read the instructions carefully, complete the renewal application and return to DMF.

We expect fishermen and dealers will appreciate the new system because it eliminates redundant applications and permits. Under the new system, a single permit with all pertinent endorsements will replace the numerous permits fishermen were required to obtain.

Thanks for your patience. We at DMF continue to work towards better ways to serve our public.